

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 594 – SB 784

February 28, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “political activity,” and prohibits government employees from arranging payroll deductions for payments to political action committees or membership organizations engaging in political activity. Requires any organization requesting a governmental entity to arrange payroll deduction for employee dues payments to certify to the governmental entity that no dues will be used for political activity. Requires the membership organization to provide the governmental entity an annual breakdown of dues expenditures. Prohibits any organization that fails to provide or falsifies certifications or reports from arranging for the collection of dues by governmental entities. Requires an organization to file all reports with the Registry of Election Finance and the Comptroller of the Treasury and to certify the accuracy of the reports under penalty of perjury.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department of Finance and Administration may have a slightly fewer number of payroll deductions to administer as a result of this bill. However, any such decrease will be not significant. As a result, any decrease to state expenditures will be not significant.
- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, receipt of the reports does not create additional responsibilities for the Comptroller’s Office. There will not be a significant fiscal impact to the Comptroller’s Office or the Registry of Election Finance for receiving the reports.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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